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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. Figure 3 has been amended to include a reference to customizable cursors in 315 disclosed and supported at least by paragraphs 10 and 39 of the specification.

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REMARKS**SEP 27 2006**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-15 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 9 are independent. In the Office Action dated April 26, 2006, the drawings were objected to, Claims 1 and 8 were objected to, and Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Following this response, Claims 1-20 remain in this application with Claims 16-20 being added by this amendment. Applicants hereby address the Examiner's rejections in turn.

Substance of Interview Summary

A telephonic interview occurred between the undersigned, Murrell Blackburn and Examiner Kevin Nguyen on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. The interview covered the rejections to claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,595,781 ("*Sutton*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,469 ("*Glaser*").

The undersigned pointed out to the Examiner that Applicants' amended independent claim 1 recites (1) large format collaboration display, where the large format collaboration display is configured to support multiple customizable cursors representing interaction of the plurality of users. In contrast the Examiner pointed out that Glaser included two different cursors in Fig. 7. The undersigned in turn pointed out that every user in the present invention had a customizable cursor. The Examiner then suggested amending claim 1 as follows: (1) large format collaboration display, where the large format collaboration display is configured to support multiple customizable cursors representing interaction of the plurality of users each of the plurality of users having each of the multiple customizable cursors. The Examiner also reviewed the proposed amendment to claim 9 and said it would likely overcome the cited references.

Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the arguments made by the undersigned have merit, however further examination and/or search is still required. This written response is thus, submitted in follow-up to the telephonic interview for consideration by the Examiner, as it is believed to have placed the application in condition for allowance.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action dated April 26, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 7, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,595,781 ("*Sutton*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,469 ("*Glaser*").

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sutton* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,5818,421 ("*Ogino*").

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, and Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments overcome these rejections and add no new matter. Amended Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the reason that it recites, *inter alia*, a large format collaboration display, configured to support multiple customizable cursors representing interaction of the plurality of users each of the plurality of users having each of the multiple customizable cursors. Amended Claim 9 includes similar recitations. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at least in amended Fig. 3 and paragraphs [0010] and [0039].

In contrast, *Sutton* at least does not disclose the aforementioned recitations. *Sutton* merely discloses a method and apparatus for use in the capture, compilation, production, and delivery of integrated educational and/or training programs. (See Abstract). For example, in *Sutton*, video camera 13 and microphone 6 record the presenter 1 on a continuous basis. (See col. 9, lines 7-9.) Synchronization of the stored inputs may be achieved, through the use of a common clock in a production of a sequential log of input events and times for use in resynchronization during production. (See col. 9, lines 10-13.) Furthermore, per the Examiner's admission, *Sutton* does not disclose accepting simultaneous inputs from a plurality of users in at least one of the plurality of documents. (See Office Action page 4, lines 3-4.) Because *Sutton* does not allow input from a plurality of user and is a system for recording educational and/or training programs, *Sutton* has no need for customizable cursors to distinguish users and is completely silent regarding these recitations.

Furthermore, *Glaser* does not overcome *Sutton*'s deficiencies. *Glaser* merely discloses that when a first user has used his mouse device 24 to move a pointer icon 66 into the work area

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60, the display observed by a user at the second workstation 14 and by a user at the third workstation 16 on their respective display devices 22 is a pointer icon arrowhead 68 at the second line of the display connected by a connecting line 70 to the first user representation 54. (See col. 4, line 60 through col. 5, line 4.) In addition, in *Glaser*, the connecting line extends from the midpoint of the first user representation to the first user pointer icon location as indicated by the arrowhead 68. (See col. 4, lines 4-7.) Furthermore, the same type of arrowhead is oriented so as to point from the user representation to the pointer icon location. (See col. 4, lines 7-9) Like *Sutton*, *Glaser* at least does not disclose the aforementioned recitations; rather *Glaser* discloses a line connecting a pointer icon to a user representation.

Moreover, *Ogino* does not overcome *Sutton's* and *Glaser's* deficiencies. *Ogino* merely discloses a large screen display comprising an image signal source. (See Abstract, lines 1-2.) In *Ogino*, a light-pen with a light emitting diode is pressed against a screen by an operator and an infrared-ray detector demodulates the imputed infrared-rays so that tone and thickness of each stroke drawn can be displayed. (See Abstract, lines 2-12.) Like *Sutton* and *Glaser*, *Ogino* at least does not disclose the aforementioned recitations; rather *Ogino* is completely silent regarding these recitations.

Combining *Sutton* with *Glaser*, or *Ogino* would not have led to the claimed invention because *Sutton*, *Glaser*, and *Ogino*, either individually or in combination, at least do not disclose a large format collaboration display, configured to support multiple customizable cursors representing interaction of the plurality of users each of the plurality of users having each of the multiple customizable cursors, as recited by amended Claim 1. Amended Claim 9 includes a similar recitation. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 9 each patentably distinguishes the present invention over the cited art, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 1 and 9.

Dependent Claims 2-8 and 10-15 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding independent Claims 1 and 9, and by virtue of their respective dependencies upon independent Claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 2-8 and 10-15.

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New Claims

Claims 16-21 have been added by this amendment. Support for new Claims 16-21 can be found in the specification at least in paragraph [0010]. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims add no new matter.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. Furthermore, the Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.


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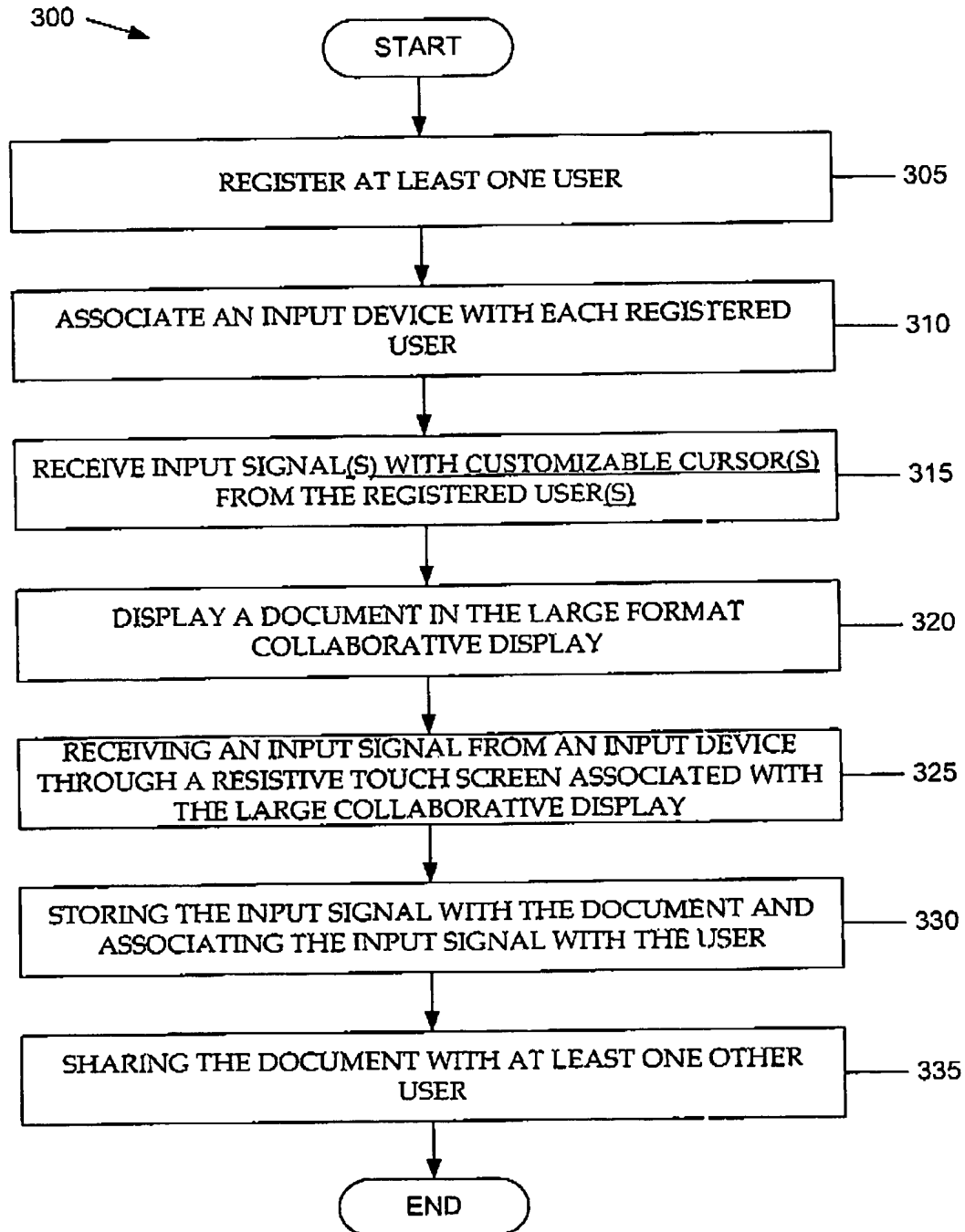


FIG. 3